1	2	3	4	5
12.	Center for Slum Development, NAC Building, Main Bazar, Pulwama	Computer training	—	3.04
13.	Hilal Institute, near General Bus Stand, Anantnag	Pre-examination Coaching for weaker section	1.80	0.45
14.	SPCA Jammu, R.S. Pura Road, Gandhigarh Jammu	Ambulance & Shelter	13.01	—

(c) To ensure transparency in the working and financial management of these NGOs, (i) periodical inspections are carried out through officers of this Ministry, Designated Agencies and the nodal departments of the State Government. (ii) To elicit relevant physical and financial performance indicators, the Ministry has also issued fresh formats for applications for grants as well as for reporting of work done by these NGOs. (iii) Details of releases made are made available in the Ministry's website (socialjustice.nic.in). giving full publicity to releases made to NGOs. Members of Parliament, State Governments and District Magistrates have also been furnished district-wise lists of NGOs assisted by the Ministry in the last two years. (iv) Besides the above, it is mandatory for all grantee organizations to submit utilization certificates before release of further installments to them.

Installation of Ramps at World Heritage Sites for Disabled Persons

*323. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry has taken up with the Archaeological Survey of India to install ramps at all world heritage sites and also at 34 national monuments for assisting disabled persons; and

(b) if so, the response received, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Social Justice and

Empowerment has taken up with Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for providing barrier free facilities to the persons with disabilities in the monumental structures and historical/heritage sites.

The Archaeological Survey of India has decided that all important centrally protected monuments should be provided with a separate path-way at the entrance gate to facilitate persons with disabilities for their entry by a wheel-chair, wherever feasible. Wooden ramps will also be provided with convenient slope. In addition to the above, all the "A" category monuments, i.e. monuments listed on the World Heritage list, should also be equipped with specially designed toilet approachable by a wheel-chair. Directions to provide above facilities to the persons with disabilities in the important centrally protected monuments in addition to all the 16 World Heritage Monuments has already been issued by the Archaeological Survey of India.

Study on Social and Financial Problems of Senior Citizens

*324. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of senior citizens in the country;

(b) whether Government have carried out any study about the financial and social problems faced by them; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to give relief to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) As per the 1991 Census the number of Senior Citizens aged 60+ in the country is 56,681,640. The population projections for 1996-2016 made by the Technical Group on Population Projections (1996) indicate that the 100 million mark is expected to be reached in 2013.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment commissioned a project called OASIS (An acronym for Old Age Social & Income Security) and nominated an eight member Expert Committee headed by Dr. S.A. Dave, former Chairman of UTI, to examine policy questions connected with old